## Congress of the United States

Washington, **BC** 20515

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The Honorable Pat Wood Chairman Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing to strongly voice our views on the movement to a single electricity market in the Northeast. We are very concerned about the possible impacts that this movement could have on New England's recent progress in improving energy reliability, capacity, and market design, and we are concerned with potential implications for electricity consumers.

In particular, we wish to make crystal clear our views on the issue of governance of the RTO Board of the new Northeast RTO that is to be formed out of a FERCmandated merger of ISO New England, New York ISO, and the PJM ISO. We are opposed to a governance structure that would put the needs of one region ahead of another or would allow for one region to dominate the others. In fact, we view an equally balanced governance structure as the only way in which a single market design can be implemented which would truly benefit the consumers of all of the regions. We urge you to adopt a governance structure that provides ISO New England an equal presence on the board of directors. Only this structure will give us the confidence that a single northeastern market will operate to the benefit of all of the region's consumers.

We appreciate your attention to these concerns, and we look forward to working with you to ensure our mutual goal of an orderly, reliable and efficient electricity marketplace, both in New England and for the entire Northeast region.

Sincerely,

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